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AMENDMENT

Please amend the Claims as shown below.

1. ~~(Previously cancelled; April 2, 2003) A fabric blank comprising a woven fabric on which a pattern-wise configuration of air bag panels, first tether panels, and second tether panels is arranged in nesting relation, said first tether panels being cut in alignment with the warp and fill of said woven fabric, and second tether panels being cut on the bias with respect to the warp and fill of said woven fabric.~~
2. ~~(Previously cancelled; April 2, 2003) The fabric blank of Claim 8 wherein said first tether panels and said second tether panels are substantially rectangular in shape and are congruent.~~
3. ~~(Previously cancelled; April 2, 2003) The fabric blank of Claim 8 further including a plurality of circular reinforcements, said circular reinforcements having a diameter that approximates the width of said first and second tether panels.~~
4. ~~(Previously cancelled; April 2, 2003) The fabric blank of Claim 7 further including a plurality of circular vent reinforcements, said vent reinforcements having a diameter that is less than the diameter of said circular reinforcements.~~
5. ~~(Cancelled; Dec. 15, 2003) A system of air bag components for use in constructing an air bag having first and second tethers, said air bag components having been cut from a woven fabric having warp yarns and fill yarns, said system comprising a plurality of first tether panels having been cut in alignment with the warp or fill of said woven fabric and a plurality of second tether panels having been cut on a bias with respect to the warp or fill of said woven fabric.~~

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6. (Cancelled; Dec. 15, 2003) ~~The system of Claim 5 wherein said first tether panels and said second tether panels are substantially rectangular in shape and are congruent.~~
7. (Amended; Dec. 15, 2003) ~~The system of Claim 5~~ A system of air bag components for use in constructing an air bag having first and second tethers, said air bag components having been cut from a woven fabric having warp yarns and fill yarns, said system comprising a plurality of first tether panels having been cut in alignment with the warp or fill of said woven fabric and a plurality of second tether panels having been cut on a bias with respect to the warp or fill of said woven fabric, and wherein said system further comprises a plurality of circular reinforcements, each of said circular reinforcements having a diameter that approximates the width of said first and second tether panels.
8. (Previously Added; April 2, 2003) The system of Claim 7 wherein said system further comprises a plurality of circular vent reinforcements, each of said circular vent reinforcements having a diameter that is less than the diameter of said circular reinforcements.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary for this response to be considered timely. However, should that prove incorrect, Applicant hereby authorizes the withdrawal of the appropriate fee amounts from Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Respectfully submitted,

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